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Mr. T. Arumainatha Pillai :—

505. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 148·12 *lakhs under Demand XIII —Police by Rs.* 1,00,000.

Rao Bahadur P. C. Etirajulu Nayudu :—

506. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 148·12 *lakhs by Rs.* 1,00,000.

Rao Bahadur C. V. S. Narasimha Raju :—

507. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 148·12 *lakhs by Rs.* 100.

Mr. V. Pakkiriswami Pillai :—

508. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 148·12 *lakhs under Demand XIII by Rs.* 10 *lakhs.*

Mr. O. Tanikachala Chettiyar :—

509. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 148·12 *lakhs for Police by Rs.* 1,00,000.

Mr. W. Vijayaraghava Mudaliyar :—

510. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 148·12 *lakhs by Rs.* 1,00,000.

The question that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding Rs. 148·12 lakhs, with a reduction of one lakh, was then put to the House and carried.

The grant was made.

The Council adjourned for lunch at 2–10 p.m. and re-assembled at 3 p.m.

Demand XIV—Scientific Departments.

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro :—" Sir, I beg to move that a sum not exceeding ·49 lakh be granted for Scientific departments (other than Hydro-Electric Surveys)."

Motions 511 *and* 512.

The following motions were not made :—

Mr. A. Subbarayudu :—

511. *To omit the allotment of Rs.* 9,450 *for salary and leave allowances of superintendent.*

Mr. B. Muniswami Nayudu :—

512. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 46,164 *for Provincial museums by Rs.* 900.

Motion 513.

Mr. M. Suryanarayana Pantulu :—" Sir, I beg to make the following motion :—

513. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* ·49 *lakh under* 30. *Scientific departments by* 100.

" I find, Sir, at page 129 of the budget estimate, that a sum of Rs. 1,000 is provided for the Fine Arts Society and a sum of Rs. 1,500 for the Madras Literary Society. Whereas last year we had a sum of Rs. 20,000 provided for grants to local bodies for the maintenance of public libraries, there is no provision for it this year. I find from a note of the Secretary of the Finance Department that it has not been possible for the hon. Minister to make any provision in regard to these libraries on account of financial stringency.

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When we have an allotment of ·49 lakh under the head 'Scientific Departments,' I do not think the hon. Minister is justified in cutting down the expenditure in regard to such a useful object as the equipment of village libraries by local bodies and municipalities. I submit, Sir, last year or the year before last a resolution of this House was accepted by the Government and provision was intended to be made in the budget of 1920-21 but as the scheme was not yet ready nothing could be done. Last year, however, my hon. friend, Diwan Bahadur Ramachandra Rao, drew the attention of the House and a provision was made of 20,000 in the budget and I hoped that that provision would be continued. I see there is absolutely no reason for the omission of the provision and I wish the hon. the Minister tries to find, if not Rs. 20,000, some provision at least and continue to provide year after year to help the local bodies in equipping themselves with libraries."

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. Patro:—"Sir, no one will be more pleased than myself if I am able to make some provision to help the libraries in the villages. I know the library scheme is developing in the Telugu country and in the southern districts, and there are many workers in the cause of libraries. I had also the pleasure of presiding at one of the Libraries' Conferences and I am much interested in the development of the scheme. It was not possible for me to obtain any help from the Finance Department with reference to this particular development. I would be very glad if I could secure in the course of the year any funds and if the head of the Educational Department was able to find anything also by re-appropriation from his budget. I am sure we shall then be able to consider such cases whether in the north or in the south as would come for scrutiny and it may be possible for us to help the libraries which are doing excellent work in some districts."

Mr. M. Suryanarayana Pantulu:—"With the sympathetic attitude taken by the hon. Minister and with the assurance given by him, I beg leave to withdraw my motion."

The motion was by leave withdrawn.

The question that the Government be granted a sum not exceeding ·49 lakh under Demand XIV—Scientific Departments was then put and carried.

The grant was made.

Demand XV—Education (European).

The hon. Sir Lionel Davidson:—"I have the honour to move, Sir, for a grant not exceeding 9·35 lakhs under Demand XV—European Education."

Motion 514.

Mr. A. T. Palmer:—"Mr. President, I beg to make the following motion:—

514. *To reduce the allotment of Rs.* 2,92,000 *for the provincialization of the Lawrence Memorial school, Lovedale, by* 1 *lakh.*'

"I do so, Sir, in pursuance of a policy which I shall try to enforce on this House and on this Government as long as I have the tongue in my mouth and voice in my throat, the policy that the Government should not saddle themselves with educational institutions if they can unless they have no other go. I do not want to enter at present into the merits or demerits of Government institutions. I shall confine myself to the motion before us. I have